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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: The Security Situation in Australia

1. There is little risk to the President in connection with his trip to Australia for the funeral of Prime Minister Holt. The police and security agencies of Australia are well-trained and competent. They will take all possible precautions to prevent any situation which might endanger President Johnson. Of course, a solitary act by some demented individual cannot be ruled out.

2. As for political demonstrations, Australians are generally well disposed toward the US. There are groups that on occasion have made vociferous (but peaceful) anti-US demonstrations. The chances of even this sort of unpleasantness will be minimized, however, by the solemn circumstances of the President's visit.

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